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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS ON MARCH 1, 1970

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas totaled 81.3 million hundredweight on March 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board, This was slightly less than the 81.9 million on hand a year earlier and 6 percent less than the 86.5 million cwt. on hand March 1, 1968. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on March 1. I.F.A.S. - Univ. of Florida

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 23.4 million, were 14 percent below last year's holdings. Maine had 19.2 million cwt., compared with 21.8 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Other eastern areas also had fewer potatoes in storage than a year earlier.

March 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 15.0 million cwt. this year compared with 16.8 in 1969. The Minnesota-North Dakota total of 10.3 million compares with 11.8 million a year earlier. Michigan stocks were 4 percent above a year ago, but stocks in Wisconsin were 9 percent less than a year earlier.

In the eight western fall States, March 1 holdings were 43.0 million cwt., 13 percent above last year and a record high for March 1. Stocks in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Utah are above a year earlier, but were lower in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and California. Idaho, with 25.0 million cwt., had 10 percent more than the March 1, 1969 level of 22.7 million. Washington stocks, at 7.5 million cwt., were up 47 percent, and Oregon was 17 percent above a year ago.

Disappearance from storage during February 1970 of 24.3 million cwt. compares with 23.0 million last year and 26.3 million in February 1968. Disappearance of 1969 fall crop potatoes to March 1 was 152.3 million compared with 138.9 million cwt. from the 1968 crop and 144.8 for the 1967 crop, during comparable periods. Movement to chippers and fresh market outlets during February and movement for the season, as indicated by rail and truck unloads was slightly below comparable periods a year earlier. During February and for the season to March 1, larger quantities were used in the manufacture of food products other than chips (excluding starch and flour) than a year earlier. Processing for flour and starch, both in February and for the season to March 1, was also above year-earlier levels.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1959-69 in the Fall States

Year	Production	December 1		stocks February 1: following year:	
1959 1960 1961 1962 <u>1</u> / 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 <u>2</u> / <u>3</u> /	167,435 175,071 204,235 194,875 198,195 174,491 216,809 227,787 231,224 220,786 233,637	118,560 122,740 145,020 135,745 136,995 114,550 147,070 152,640 161,710 152,800 156,470	98,640 103,595 122,215 115,770 115,000 94,205 123,460 127,380 139,350 130,430 132,790	77,500 82,670 96,120 91,970 89,300 73,120 98,260 103,040 112,770 104,915 105,650	58,175 62,645 72,960 70,250 67,280 54,535 74,605 79,517 86,465 81,900 81,340

^{1/} Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States July 1, 1963-70

Area :	1963	:		1966	:	:	1969	1970
	<u>Millions</u>							
Eastern:	74.3	75-3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	
Central	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	
Western	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	
Total:	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	1/204.4

^{1/} Total U.S. resident population for July 1, 1970 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 430, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

^{2/} Revised August 1969 Pot 6(69)

 $[\]underline{3}/$ Estimate for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between these years.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on March 1, 1969 and March 1, 1970 1/

: :	Crop of	1968	Crop of 1969				
State	Production	:Total Stocks : :Mar. 1, 1969 :	Production	:Total Stocks :Mar. 1, 1970			
:	1,000 cwt						
Maine	36,425 1,254	21,800 200	35,100 1,215	19,200 120			
Long Island	7,340 8,342 7,585 2,811	1,150 1,950 1,600 310	6,812 8,342 7,8 1 0 2,706	1,100 1,350 1,350 240			
8 Eastern	63,757	27,010	61,985	23,360			
Michigan Wisconsin Minnesota North Dakota Nebraska Other States 2/	6,525 8,855 12,180 15,660 1,820 4,567 49,607	1,750 2,300 4,750 7,000 550 400 16,750	6,744 8,880 13,500 15,400 1,794 3,882 50,200	1,820 2,100 5,000 5,300 530 260 15,010			
Montana Idaho Wyoming Colorado Utah Washington Oregon California 8 Western 3/	1,498 59,505 608 8,280 1,072 16,185 12,0088,266 107,422	1,130 22,700 130 3,300 180 5,100 .3,000 _2,600 _38,140	1,388 67,000 578 8,695 1,332 21,420 13,1157.924 121,452	950 25,000 90 3,150 230 7,500 3,500 2,550 42,970			
Total 24 Fall States 3/:	220,786	81,900	233,637	81,340			

^{1/} Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.
Central - Ohio, Indiana, and South Dakota.

^{3/} Estimates for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between the two years.

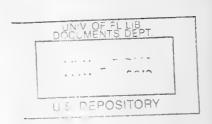
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